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CINCPAC

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CINCPACFLT

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CDR USSAG NKP

CDR 13 AF ADVON UDORN

388 TFW KORAT

DODSPECREP BANGKOK

DODSPECREP NKP

CHSPECATS BANGKOK

7 ACCS KORAT

354 TFW KORAT RTAFB

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56 SOW NKP

432 TRW UDORN
CDR JCRC NKP
8 TFW UBON
ARMA/AIRA VTN LAOS
ARMA/AIRA SVKT LAOS

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CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TFW, 56 SOW, 388 TFW,
354 TFW AND 8 TFW FOR DO/DI; MACTHAI FOR J-2 AND PAO

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I. MILITARY SITUATION

A. MR'S I, II AND V: NO GROUND ACTION REPORTED DURING PERIOD OF
13-16 JULY.

B. MR III:

(1) IN FAR NORTHERN PART OF REGION NEAR NORTH VIETNAMESE BORDER
ENEMY FORCES 7-12 JULY CAPTURED PHA HOM (LS241) AND CANG SA NI
(LS45), THUS ELIMINATING FRIENDLY PRESENCE IN THAT AREA AND
GAINING CONTROL OF APPROXIMATELY 2800 OF ESTIMATED 4,000 TRIBAL
PEOPLE BELIEVED TO BE IN THE VICINITY. INCOMPLETE REPORTS INDI-
CATE THAT GOVERNMENT LOCAL SELF-DEFENSE FORCES (ADC) LOST PHA
HOM AFTERNOON 8 JULY AFTER SHORT CLASH WITH ENEMY COMPANY. SSUB-
SEQUENT ENEMY ATTACKS FORCED ADC ELEMENTS TO MAKE FURTHER WITH-
DRAWALS. ON 12 JULY ADC FORCES ABANDONED CANG SA NI AFTER
RECEIVING HEAVY ENEMY MORTAR ATTACK. THESE FORCES NOW SEEM TO
HAVE SCATTERED WIDELY. PRELIMINARY AND SPOTTY REPORTS INDICATE
THAT IN THE FOREGOING ACTION ADC FORCES LOST THREE KIA AND SIX
WIA WHILE KILLING TWO ENEMY.

(2) MAJOR CEASEFIRE INCIDENTS OCCURRED MORNING AND AFTERNOON 13
JULY WHEN ENEMY TWICE ATTACKED ELEMENTS OF RLGA F BATTALION SOUTH-
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WEST OF MUONG PHALANE: IN MORNING (1301110Z) ESTIMATED ENEMY
BATTALION SUPPORTED BY APPROXIMATELY 33 ROUNDS MORTAR/ROCKET FIRE
ATTACKED TWO FRIENDLY COMPANIES 18 KMS SOUTHWEST OF MUONG
PHALANE (AT WD 550 278). FRIENDS WITHDREW ABOUT SIX KMS NORTH-
WEST, WITH FIVE KIA AND FIFTEEN WIA. IN LATE AFTERNOON (131210Z)
FRIENDLY POSITION WAS ATTACKED BY ESTIMATED TWO ENEMY COMPANIES,
SUPPORTED BY APPROXIMATELY 110 ROUNDS MORTAR/ROCKET FIRE. (NO
CAS REPORTED). AFTERNOON 15 JULY, FRIENDLY POSITION IN FOREGOING

AREA RECEIVED TEN ROUNDS ROCKET FIRE (NO CAS). RLAF ON 13 JULY
FLEW TWO GUNSHIP SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT FORCES IN
FOREGOING ACTION.

C. MR IV: EVENING OF 14 JULY ESTIMATED TWO ENEMY PLATOONS
SUPPORTED BY MORTAR FIRE CLASHED FOR ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES WITH
FRIENDLY UNITS 29 KMS NORTHEAST OF PAKSE. (CASUALTIES UNKNOWN).

II. POLITICAL SITUATION

THE KINGDOM SEEMED TO BE POLITICALLY INACTIVE OVER THE WEEKEND
14-16 JULY AS LAOS OBSERVED BEGINNING OF BUDDHIST LENT.
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